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1921



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Cultivation of Dahlias

Dahlias are easily grown, requiring no special soil, or treatment, to bring them to perfection. They love an open sunny location, but succeed in partial shade. Prepare the soil thoroughly by digging 12 to 18 inches deep. possibly in the fall and then again in the spring, before planting.

If the soil is poor, work in some well-rotted stable manure, or artificial fertilizer, but don't over do this.

Dig the holes 3 feet apart, and about 6 inches deep; drive a stout stake in each hole, and lay the tuber down flat, with the eyes to the stake, and cover with two or three inches of fine soil, leaving the hole to be filled after the plant comes up.

Plant any time between May 1st and June 15th.

When the plants have made their third set of leaves, cut out the top, to make them branch.

The most important thing from now on is hoeing and cultivating the soil, until the buds appear; then give the beds a good mulching of manure, to keep the ground moist; and water the plants thoroughly once or twice a week.

If red spider or thrips appear, spray with a nicotine solution.

To have large blooms, it is absolutely necessary to disbud, leaving only one bud to each shoot; but leave two young sprouts near the base of each stem, so as to insure a new crop of blooms. Dahlias will continue to bloom, until the frost kills the tops; the tubers are

dug and stored in a dry cellar or basement, cover them with dry sand, soil or sawdust, to keep from shriveling. Divide the tubers in the spring after the eyes show plainly, being careful that each tuber has an eye. Cover them again and keep dry until planted.

I send out divided field grown roots, everyone guaranteed true to name, and to arrive in good growing condition. I cannot guarantee them to grow if they are not unpacked immediately upon receipt.

All retail orders are sent Parcel Post unless instructions are received to send them otherwise.

Orders taken at the Fall Shows, and all others not fully paid for will be sent C. O. D. at purchaser's expense, unless previous arrangements have been made.

As the demand for some sorts often exceeds the supply, it will be well to order early and so avoid disappointment. It will also be well to name a few as second choice or state if I may substitute for any that are sold out.

Dahlias Originated by A. W. Davidson

Margaret D	ouglas, 19	21 (Decor	ative.)	Beauti-
ful burnt	orange.	Champion	1919 at	Ameri-
can Dahlia	a Society	trial garde	n, Storrs	s, Conn
scoring 90	as exhib	ition and	90 as c	ommer-
cial and g	arden, wh	ere it was	awarde	d a cer-
tificate o	f merit.	It was	also awa	arded a
certificate	of merit	by the N	ew Have	en Hor-
ticultural	Society, a	nd was g	iven the	Lord &
Burnham	Co. gold a	nedal for	the best	vase of
12 blooms	s. Stock	limited		\$10.00

Donald Davidson, 1921, (Decorative.) Pinard yellow, under side of petals tinted flesh pink. A stocky growing plant of good habit, flowers of good form and size, good stems, free flowering, good keeper. Scored 87 as exhibition, which entitled it to a certificate of merit, American Dahlia Society trial garden, Storrs, Conn., 1920......\$2.50

Pride of Ansonia, 1921, (Decorative.) Lemon yellow, fine color, of large size, free bloomer, on good stems, one of the best yellow deco-

can Dahlia Society trial garden, Storr
Conn., 1919\$1.5
Panama, 1921, (Show.) Orange, every peta
perfectly quilled, on long stems held uprigh
Very free flowering, blooms of the larges
size. No show collection should be withou
this novelty. Certificate of merit, New Ha
ven County Horticultural Society, New Ha
ven, Conn\$2.5
Marion Davidson, 1921, (Peony.) Tyrian ros
beautiful large flowers on long stout stem
A profuse bloomer, greatly admired by visi
tors in garden\$1.0
Elsie Davidson (Show.) Lemon yellow of larg
size, splendid stems, free bloomer, fine cutte
Certificate of merit, New Haven Count
Horticultural Society, New Haven, Conn., 50
Ansonia (Decorative.) Reddish purple, larg
flower, long stiff stems, very free bloomes
nower, long still stems, very free proofile.

Select Prize Winning Cactus Dahlias

Alex Kennedy. Color deep crimson throughout.
This variety in form and habit greatly re-
sembles the well known Dahlia "F. W. Fel-
lowes." The blooms are often nine inches
across, having straight narrow florets. Plants
wiry, and black wooded, the flower stems
being extra long and carry the flowers erect.
Height 5 feet
Australian. Very large bold flowers, good
stems; rich royal purple in color. Fine ex-
hibition flower35c
Abundance. Exceedingly prolific, as name sug-
gests. Cerise at base, shading to deep
pink 35c
British Lion. Rarely have we had such truly
monster flowers as those of "British Lion."
The blooms being composed of a great number
of long twisted and curling petals, not par-
ticularly narrow, the flowers presenting a
massive appearance. The color is peculiar, yel-
lowish for the most part, but burnished with
red, almost, it might be termed, tawny in
color. Plants strong and produce huge
flowers without any unduly rich culture
Unique and wonderful. Height 5 feet75c
Conquest. Growth quite erect and flowers of
the largest size. Color deep crimson ma-
roon, 4 feet
Crystal. White in center, passing to deep sil-
very pink, every floret incurving and taste-
fully showing the white reverse at tips.

Plants dwarf, and flower abundantly throughout the season. 3 feet
Dr. Roy Appleton. In this lovely variety we have the finest of the straight petalled flowers, the form being perfectly star-like. It is of the largest size. The color is beautiful, a light lemon yellow, slowly changing and deepening to light salmon. Every flower fit for exhibition. 4 feet500
Empress. Tyrian rose, shaded lighter at base of petals. This is a huge cactus, being deep and massive. Very incurved
F. W. Fellowes. Undoubtedly the best variety of recent introduction in the cactus type, having fine form and habits. Flowers are extra large on very long stems, and remarkably constant. Color, orange scarlet\$1.00
Fascination. Color, pure white in the center, gradually deepening to clear pink. Plants of capital habit, producing flowers freely. 3 feet
Golden Wave. Deep pure yellow, robust grower, good stems; flowers full to center. Garden variety
Glory of Wilts. One of the best clear yellows; large flowers, very free bloomer. Good garden and exhibition variety50c
H. H. Thomas. Few varieties combine so many good qualities. The flowers are of beautiful formation, the color being a deep rich crimson. In habit the plants are second to none. 4 feet
Hugh McNeil. Stems long and stout, the flowers being freely produced and always full in the center. The color is deep rose 3 ft. 50c.

John Riding. A giant flower of a deep, rich crimson color, often 8 inches across, a fine exhibition variety
Jupiter. Pink ground, shaded yellow, splashed and striped crimson, long finely twisted in-
curved petals
Johannesburg. Large, beautifully formed, true
cactus, of a beautiful shade of yellow
orange 50c
Mrs. T. G. Baker. Deep orange, petals long. flowers large, on good stems. Exhibition or
garden
Melody. Color clear yellow for half the length
of the florets, the remainder being pure
white flowers of good size and great depth;
plants healthy, of good habit and long stems
Model. Soft yellow base deepening to a clear
pinkish shade. Habit of the best50c
Mrs. Henry Randle. Pale cream, changing to a
lovely rosy tint, tipped creamy white. A
beautiful flower
Neptune. Deep rose pink spotted and speckled
carmine. Flowers large and massive50c
Nellie Slocombe. Delicate salmon pink. Habit very wiry. Fine garden and cut flower50c
Prima Donna. One of the best white cactus
varieties
Pierrot. So different from any other dahlia
that it always attracts attention. The color
is a deep amber, boldly tipped white. The striking blossoms are very large and the
florets are incurved. The bushes are a mass
of blooms all season. The plants have a
splendid habit. Although a fancy, it has not

shown much tendency to produce self-colored flowers
Phenomenal. This dahlia phenomenon is to- tally distinct. The flowers are more like certain Japanese chrysanthemums than a dahlia. Color, shades of pale salmon with yellow at base, and decided vellow at tips.
Planet. A fancy cactus. White at base of florets, changing to rosy pink, the whole spotted and striped with scarlet. Flowers large and of typical neat, incurved exhibition form. Habits of plants, grand dwarf, sturdy, free, and with stiff flower stems. The best fancy for some years. Height 4-ft75c
Richard Box. Large lemon yellow, with slightly incurved petals of fine form. Garden or exhibition
Reine Cayeux. Rich, glowing blood red. This dahlia should be seen to be appreciated. The plants grow about 3½ feet high, and have very little foliage. The flowers are produced in great abundance well above the foliage, on good stems, making almost a solid bunch of dazzling red flowers50c
Sweetbriar. Garden cactus. Evervone who sees "Sweetbriar" is charmed with its exquisite pink color, and splendid stem. The growth is strong and healthy without any suspicion of grossness, and the flower stems carry the flowers perfectly upright. 3 feet50c
Sovereignty. Large flower of deep yellow, al-
most straight petals; bold flower, fine for exhibition

The Quaker. Loveliest flower of white tinged with lightest flesh-pink; the plants are dwarf and wiry-wooded, producing an abundance of flowers
The Swan. This is the best all-around pure white cactus dahlia. Stems hold flowers up splendidly 50c
The Lion. An enormous flower, carried on the most wiry stems possible the plants being of sturdy growth with dark healthy foliage. 3 feet, 6 inches
Valiant. A giant flower of brilliant crimson, carried on a giant stem. Form perfectly incurved
Lieut. Robinson. One of the indispensables to the up-to-date exhibitor. The flowers are of largest size, and composed of a mass of narrow florets, incurving, twisting and interlacing so as to finally almost cover the center which never shows pollen right to the last petal. The plants are of wiry growth, and fairly good habit but the flower stems are not upright. Color clear ruby, with amaranth at tips, and on older florets. Height 4 feet, 6 inches

Hybrid Cactus Dahlias

Attraction.	Clear rose	pink. The	blooms are
bold and	large but n	ot coarse	\$1.00
Etendard D	e Lyon. Ric	ch carmine r	ose, or royal
purple, w	ith suffusio	ns. An all	around good
variety			75c

Elsie Bonnell. This variety has the habit of the well known Countess of Lonsdale, from which it is a seedling. Unsurpassed for free- dom of bloom and flower stem. The color is a pleasing shade of rich velvety maroon75c
Girl of the Golden West. Light vellow. tinged and tipped with red; long twisted petals, a very showy flower
Geo. Walters. An enormous Hybrid Cactus. The color is pinkish salmon, shading to yellow at base. Plants are strong growers and have every good habit. I can highly recommend this variety
Lady Helen. This is a fine striking variety standing erect on long stems with large, well formed blooms. The color is a peculiar bronzy pink with suffusions of creamy white running through it
La Favorite. Brilliant orange form perfect. never showing an open center. One of the greatest of the new dahlias\$2.50
Kalif. A monster cactus of perfect form. Color is a rich, pure scarlet. The large flowers are borne on long, stiff stems and are held erect. A most satisfactory variety. 5 ft50c
"Mrs. Richard Lohrmann." A pure golden vellow Hybrid Cactus Dahlia. of immense size. broad curly petals; flowers high above the foliage on long upright stems: excellent cut flower and very floriferous, the best yellow dahlia to date. Awarded Gold Medal for the

Mrs. Warnaar. Creamy white with faint pink shadings. This variety is sometimes classed as a Peony\$1.00
Mrs. T. A. Munroe. A giant flower. color amber, shading to old gold, outer petals tinted brown
Mrs. Wm. J. Rowe. Very large, but graceful flowers, a beautiful combination of amber shading to pure yellow in center. Very free. A most useful garden and exhibition variety. \$2.00 Ruth Gleadell. Beautiful large blossom of soft
yellow, shading to pink on the outer petals, excellent form and fine stem, one of the very best of late introductions
Sulphurea. (New Introduction.) This rare variety resembles the form of Japanese chrysanthemum. The blossoms are large and free with the long petals thrown back. One of the earliest to flower. Color a clear sulphur yellow. 5 feet
Tom Lundy. Immense blooms of a dark rich crimson; full flowers; but very often reverts to the Paeoniaefl type
Wodan. Hybrid cactus of salmon-rose color,
large bold flower strong grower and pro- fuse bloomer
Yellow King. Yellow King is a wonder. It stands up so straight and stiff that many people confuse it with a chrvsanthemum. Too much cannot be said in praise of this marvelous hybrid, as it possesses so many good qualities. The stem is very long and rigid; the color is a pleasing shade of yellow; it lasts days when cut; the formation of long twisted petals is perfect; very late bloomer.

New Superb Garden and Exhibition Decorative Dahlias

Aida. Dark maroon, large perfect flowers on
rigid upright stems, carried high above the
foliage 50c
Albert Manda. One of the largest dahlias
grown; clean lemon mixed with white and
pink, very delicate color50c
Ayesha. Flowers of perfect form and immense
size on long erect stems. Color is soft pure
ye'low. One of the best things that has come
to us recently. A most satisfactory dahlia
for all purposes
A. E. Johnson. Light bluish overlaid rose and
pink. Large and full50c
Bessie Boston. A large rich crimson. A good
strong grower in every respect50c
Berch Von Heemstede. Yellow shaded amber,
large free flowering35c
Beatrice Slocombe. A fine built flower, very free flowering which makes this an ideal gar-
den variety, the ground color is a warm
shade of red edged with old gold shading
to old rose pink, a most unique and attrac-
tive color combination; very fine. Awarded
a Certificate of Merit\$1.00
California Giant. A grand, Jarge, thick petal
decorative, on long, stiff stems. Color is a
very pale opal shade, deepening to a rich,
glossy bronze, each petal slightly notched, making it very attractive. A promising
leader of this class

Cream King. This is often classed as a Peony, but with me a very large percentage of the b'oom's come perfect Decorative. The color is as the name indicates, a soft cream. It is of immense size, blooms freely, and is supported by the best of stems
Dr. H. L. Tevis. A novelty and a star of first magnitude; flowers, 9 to 11 inches in diameter, erect on long vigorous stem; color a beautiful shade of salmon rose, suffused with old gold, shading to apricot\$1.50 D. M. Moore. Rich velvety maroon. Good50c
Deelighted. Pure white. Usually shows peculiar formation in center35c
Dr. Tyrrell. The color is a rich golden bronze, with bronzy red at base of petals, giving the flower that rich bronzy effect. The two shades are most effective. The plant is a very sturdy, healthy grower, with dark luxurious foliage, showing its hardy constitution. Strong roots
Flamingo. Height 4 feet. A very fine, deep pink, each petal slightly tipped white, the flowers are very attractive and bloom in profusion
Fireburst. The largest scarlet decorative dahlia, bright orange color; very free and good habits, on good long stem; flowers often 8 to 9 inches in diameter. Fine exhibition flower
Futurity. The most beautiful dahlia of its coloring, a deep old rose. The blossom is large

Jane Selby. Height 4 feet. A massive decora-
tive of a delicate mauve pink, on long, stiff
stems well above the foliage\$1.50
Jeanne Charmet. Violet rose on lighter ground
Abundant bloomer35
J. K. Alexander. A large and striking variety
borne on long wiry stems. Color is a clear
rich violet purple500
J. M. Goodrich. A salmon pink flower of grea
beauty; good size on long stiff stems. Fine
for cutting50
King of Autumn. This is a new shade of gold
and pink. It has extraordinary stems, is a
remarkably free bloomer; in fact, is an al
around strong growing variety. Sometimes
shows a center, but this in no way detracts
from its usefulness as a cut flower variety
for which purpose it is unsurpassed756
Le Grand Manitou. Ground color white, striped
and splashed violet rose, but sometimes runs to the solid color when it is a beautiful clear
violet rose. Large and striking flower50
Marjorie Field. This is one of the best decoratives that has been introduced for years
Flowers 7 to 8 inches in diameter, with stems
2 feet long. Color a wonderful shade of deep
pink
Mildred Slocombe or Mrs. Wm. R. Warner, Jr
Delicate mauve with silvery shadings. Large
flowers on good stems. An excellent variety
in every respect
Mons. Lenormand. Large flowers of bright yel-
low, striped and speckled red and often
tipped white. Sometimes shows a solid flow-
er when it is a brilliant crimson. Long stems
and profuse bloomer\$1.00

Mrs. Chas. Breck. Soft yellow suffused carmine. Somewhat on the cactus type. Quite free 50c
Mrs. Nathaniel Slocombe. This is one of the finest yellow decoratives I have ever had the pleasure of growing. It is a large strong stem variety and produces flowers with remarkable freedom
Mrs. A. E. Dupont. A variety of rich ruby crimson color. It is a large, early, strong growing variety
Mina Burgle. This is a strong upright grower producing an extraordinary amount of well formed decorative blooms. Color is a bright scarlet, good size, an ideal cut flower variety
Madonna. Height 4 feet. A large white, each petal shaded to pearl with slight pink markings; flowers large, on good stems. A grand dahlia
Mrs. J. H. Slocombe. A soft shade of coral red, fine full flower, very free flowering; this is an ideal variety for garden decoration\$1.00
Mrs. Addison S. Pratt. An unusually large flower carried on long stiff stems, the color a beautiful combination of delicate buff, suffused with coppery bronze, the petals so twisted make the whole flower very attractive
Mrs. John L. Emerson. Well formed flower, the ground color a warm shade of red and gold, the petals distinctly edged and striped with gold; an effective and rich combination of color, very free; an ideal dahlia for garden decoration\$1.00

Millionaire. This is undoubtedly one of the
largest dahlias grown. The color is lavender, shading to white; stems are good. Fine ex-
hibition variety\$2.50
Purity or Mrs. H. W. Struck. A very good if not the best white decorative500
Pride of California. This is the best red dec-
orative for all purposes. It has size, stem and splendid keeping qualities when cut. We
can cheerfully recommend this Californian
which was introduced in 1917. Winner for
best vase of red in New York, Sept., 1920
750
Ruth Slocombe. A most beautiful flower, well
formed. Golden salmon, the entire flower
suffused with a beautiful shade of pale am-
ber and coral pink. A most unique color
combination and a most abundant bloomer
750
Royal Purple. Solid rich purple. Solid color
throughout. Quite large and desirable50c
Sunbeam. A flower of very refined form. Bright red, faintly striped with gold, the
pointed and twisted tips of the petals touched
with gold, make this variety distinct and at-
tractive. A wonderful combination of color.
This variety was greatly admired by all visi-
tors who saw it growing last season\$1.00
Tenor Alvarez. Rosy-kilac striped and splashed
with velvety brown, very large flowers, free-
ly produced on long stems50c
The Grizzly. An enormous flower of deep ma-
roon with great depth. A prolific bloomer
with long stiff stems. A Californian it is a
pleasure to boost and recommend\$2.50

White Excelsior. A very fine white, and is just what its name implies. I grow this dahlia
what its name implies. I grow this dahlia
for the cut flower market on account of its
unusually free flowering qualities; splendid
for garden decoration
Yellow Collose. Large bright yellow flowers
produced in abundance50c
New Peony Flowered Dahlias
Almanda. Height 4 feet. This dahlia is a per-
fect wonder for blooming, with 6-inch flow-
ers throughout the season. A deep yellow
overlaid to deep amber, streaked with bronze.
One of the best
Bertha Von Suttner. Salmon pink shaded yel-
low. Large flowers on good stems, an excel-
lent bloomer. One of the most beautiful
Peony Dahlias 50c
Dr. Peary. Rich mahogany red. The darkest
of all. Large and abundant50c
Elsa. Fluffy white flowers, yellow center, large
size and showing high above the foliage; un-
surpassed as a cut flower. The best white
Paeonia Dahlia, its sterling qualities are ap-
preciated more every year; demand always
larger than the supply50c
Ester B. Earle. Height 4½ feet. A new seed-
ling of merit; flowers large, on long stems,
blooming in profusion; pale rose yellow
shaded to carmine\$1.50

Great Britain. Clear mauve lilac of an orchid type. Very large and fine exhibition flower

Color is a gorgeous combination of orange and scarlet
Hampton Court. Deep pink. Large flowers borne on long stiff stems50c
John Green. Tomato red ,shading to yellow petals curled and twisted50c
King Edward. New, color purple, quite distinct, very large flower50c
Lady Lloyd. An immense dark cardinal Peony which has very good quality. Excellent cut flower
Mrs. W. Kerr. A pale pink, suffused rose. A lovely flower of immense size50c
Tango. Large salmon colored flowers, prolification bloomer, and a fine cut flower variety. (Silver medal)
Turner. A lovely shade of pink. Large and very effective for cutting50c
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Show Dahlias
Arthur Kelsey. (H.) A very fine flower, purplish crimson, good form, large750
Beachey. (H.) A large flat flower, which might almost be classed as a decorative. It is a rich plum color, has a strong stem making a striking variety\$1.50
Dorothy. Fawn color, flaked and striped maroon. 3 feet
Dazzler. Deep yellow, striped scarlet35c

Geisha. A wonderful and most striking dahlia.

Dreers White. Large, pure quilled white; ex-
cellent bloomer, flowers large. Fine for gar-
den and exhibition35c
Estelle Christy. The best yellow show dahlia
which we have ever grown. The color is a very bright lemon yellow. Blossoms are ex-
tra large and are borne on long rugged
stems\$1.00
Grand Duchess Marie. Blooms in profusion.
Stems from 12 to 18 inches in length; color
is very striking rich buff overlaid orange;
reverse petals pink. Good garden variety, 35c
Gold Medal. Fancy. Bright lemon yellow, regu-
larly striped dark crimson. A bold and strik-
ing flower, very effective in appearance. Full
and round. Blooms abundantly25c
General Miles. (H.) Light violet striped and
splashed with purplish magenta. An enor-
mous, large flower borne on long stout stems.
The very best variegated show dahlia in ex-
istence \$1.00
Katherine Kernan. Introduction of 1920. This
is a variety of which I cannot speak too
highly. It is a typical Hybrid Show of good
large shape; white, overlaid with violet and
lavender \$1.00
Lucy Fawcett. Fancy. Light, canary yellow,
with stripings of clear, magenta. Large and
very free 25c
Mad. Alf. Moreau. Fancy show. Base of petals
white, edges and tips lavender. Good size
and showy 35c
Maud Adams. A perfect snowball with a faint
lavender blush on the tips of the petals. The
plants are a perfect bank of flowers resem-

	sirable for cut flowers50c
N	Mary Bowman. (H.) A beautiful dark yellow dahlia of large size. A wonderful flower50c
N	Mme. Henrietta Scalabre. It is doubtful if there is any other white Show Dahlia that is a peer of this variety in habit, size or form 50c
٨	Ime. Marika Anagnostaki. (H.) The extremely dainty blending of color is remarkable, being snowy white, delightfully shading to a beautiful rose-pink. First prize for best vase of white, New York, 1920
F	Rose. (H.) No better dahlia for the garden than Rose. A very pretty shade of pink, large and free, on long stems. Garden or exhibition flower
V	/ivian. Rose pink, overlaid carmine and white; great bloomer, on long stems. Fine for garden or exhibition flower35c
V	V. W. Rawson. (H.) One of the best. White, overlaid amethyst, with long stems. Garden and exhibition flowers35c

Pompon Dahlias

The Pompon Dahlia is fast coming into
favor. The varieties named are the ones that
I took all the first prizes with at the New York
show, 1919100 blooms; 8 vases, 5 blooms to
vase; 1 vase, 8 blooms, 8 varieties.
Alwine. Pink, tinted lilac25c
Belle of Springfield. Red, one of the smallest
25c
Bobby. Plum color25c
Cyril. A scarlet, of fine form, a capital exhi-
bition flower. 3 feet50c
Doris. Color unique being pale silvery lilac
passing towards the center to pale cream.
Flowers of the smallest size. 3 feet50c
Darkest of All. One of the darkest pompons
yet raised and in every respect one of the
best. 3 feet
Douglas. Dark maroon crimson. A fine variety
for exhibition. 2½ feet50c
Donovan. White with lavender tips. A great
favorite. 3 feet
Fashion. Orange; one of the best35c
George Ireland. A lovely little variety, much
admired, certificated by N. D. S. Blooms per-
fectly formed and of a pretty mauve color;
very free flowering. 4 feet35c
Girlie. A pretty and neat little variety, and
most constant. The flowers are very full and
of a pinkish mauve color. 3 feet50c
Jessica. Yellow, edged red. Extremely pretty.

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